

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28;
Mark 10:46-52

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

WORSHIP

October 25

Worship leader: *Regina Shands Stoltzfus*
Sermon: *Lisa Schirch*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Esther & Net*

Scripture: Psalms 61, 103

Sunday School: *Saul becomes king (1 Samuel 8:1-10:25)*

November 1

Worship leader: *Tara Swartzendruber-Landis*
Sermon: *Dawn Yoder Harms*
Welcoming & tear-down: *Scoops & Well Seasoned*

Scripture: Psalms 100, 61:1-4, 103:1-5, 139

Sunday School: *Samuel anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1-13)*

CALENDAR

Wed	Oct 28	Fall work days at the meetinghouse
Sun	Nov 1	6:30pm Family Lantern Festival
Wed	Nov 4	Fall work day at the meetinghouse
Sun	Nov 15	12pm Sunday School Parents meeting 7pm Congregational meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

2016 Volunteer Forms: Did you know that Assembly relies on around 40 volunteers to keep things running each Sunday morning? (...and that doesn't include Sunday school teachers & assistants!) We encourage all regular participants to sign up for at least 2 volunteer tasks for 2016. You will be given a volunteer form as you come into worship today, or you can fill out a form on the Assembly website by clicking [here](#). Please return your paper copy to Naomi Roots' mailbox by Nov 8.

The worship space visuals for our Psalm series are an imaginative intergenerational collaboration between Eva Lake Rittenhouse and Kathy Glick Miller. Kathy designed and created the "curtain" and its origami components. If you look closely at the cubes, you will see Eva's drawings interpreting various verses from the Psalms. Special thanks to Kathy and Eva for the inspiration we gain from both the overall view and from a careful, closer look as we experience the Psalms together.

Are you missing out on Fall Work Days? There are not enough groups to cover all the work! Els Shelly could use help cleaning the library this week or the next. Contact her at elsshelly@gmail.com if you are not already assigned a cleaning task with a small group and are able to assist.

Fish Fry at Bethany: Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry is Fri, Oct. 30. Come between the

hours of 4:30-8pm for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children in grades 1-6. Preschool age is free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only.

Women's Lunch Bunch: next meeting on Wed, Nov 4 11:30-1pm at Greencroft Community Center. Reflections on Cancer with speaker Lynnette Bauman, cost \$4.

Dawn will be out of town Nov 2-21 (see note below). If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please be in touch with Lora or Karl.

Dawn and Doug Harms plan to travel to Israel with their son, Chris, on Nov 2 to visit their son, Matt, who lives in Jerusalem. After a week, Doug and Chris plan to return home, while Dawn stays in the region to join *the MC US/MCC Great Lakes Come and See Tour in Israel/Palestine, Nov 9-21*. Coordinating the tour from this end is Assembly's Eric R. Kurtz, Assistant Director for MCC Great Lakes. Eric and Dawn will be participating in the learning experience along with 12 others from Central District and Indiana Michigan Conferences. The opportunity comes as the result of a request from Palestinian Christian leaders that church leaders from the US come and learn from them, and see and hear some of what they experience in a homeland that is troubled by violence and occupation. We invite your prayers for the

region, as well as for group members and those leading them as they travel and learn together.

Special MCC Borderlands Learning Tour for Assembly attendees led by Saulo Padilla & Borderlands partners. Learn about realities of migration, militarization, and environment degradation along U.S./Mexico border. Feb 20 (travel day) to Feb 27 (travel day). See flyer on lit table. Cost = \$500 + travel to Tucson AZ (some financial help available if needed). Talk to Saulo Padilla, Eric R. Kurtz, or Karl Shelly.

New Website Fun Fact: We are in the midst of asking you to pledge for 2016 so that we can make our budget.

Interested in where your donation went in 2014? Click [here](#). Ask any regular attendee for the username/password.

FOR SALE: Cedar chest with padded top and wheels. 45Wx16Dx17H. \$75. Call 534-1798 or see Deb or Steve Johns.

(repeat) **Mailboxes have been reassigned!** Please check carefully to make sure you are getting *your* mail.

(repeat) **Pledge forms were place in your mailbox** last Sunday. The actual amount of the Spending Plan is determined by the dollars you pledge to give in 2016. Everyone is urged to prayerfully consider their intentions for this aspect of stewardship. You will have an opportunity to place them in the offering on Sun Nov. 8.

(repeat) **Safe Church agreement forms** need to be signed by all those working with children and youth this year. Copies can be found in your mailbox. Please return them to Naomi Roots' mailbox (listed under Quintana).

(repeat) **By popular demand, nametags are back!** Please continue practicing hospitality by wearing your name tags each Sunday.

(repeat) **Our Fall Bible study worship** began last week with focus on the Psalms. As we worship and pray with the Psalms, we will learn more about how the Psalms shaped the worship and prayer life of the people of Israel and reflect on how they continue to shape us.

(repeat) **Our fall electives series** began last week, and ends on Nov 22. We will have two enticing options for your 2nd hour selection: 1. Further exploration of the Psalms Bible study. 2. Some Assembly Required- Designed for new(ish) people to learn what makes Assembly tick.

(repeat) **Fall Work Days** will continue Wed's Oct 28 and Nov 5. Small group reps received info in their mailbox last Sun with assigned tasks to paired groups.

(repeat) **Why does the Pentagon hire a Mennonite pacifist as a consultant?** This Sun, Oct 25, Lisa Schirch, Research Professor at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at EMU, will be preaching in the first hour and leading sharing in the second hour. The Peace and Justice Ministry Team invited Lisa to share about her work in conflict assessment and peacebuilding planning in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other locations, including with several branches of the U.S. government.

(repeat) **The annual lantern festival** will take place on Nov. 1 at 6:30 at the meeting house. This fall celebration of candles and song is open to all families, with special interest to those in grades K-3. Please pick up a metal can on Oct 25.

(repeat) **"The Songs of Edvard Grieg"** A Lecture-Concert by celebrated bass-baritone Njål Sparbo, pianists Luke and Mary Rose Norell, and the Goshen College Chamber Choir, conducted by Dr. Scott Hochstetler. Wed, Nov 4, 7:30pm at Rieth Recital Hall at the Goshen College Music Center. \$7 adults and \$5 senior/student discount available online at <http://www.goshen.edu/tickets> or by calling [535-7566](tel:535-7566).

(repeat) **Rod Hanby had cornea surgery** on Oct. 19. If you would like to take the family a meal, access the [AMC webpage](#) or visit TakeThemAMeal.com Last name: Horst Handby, password: anneandrod.

(repeat) **Tanzania Education Aid** is hosting a benefit dinner at Assembly meetinghouse on Sat, Nov 7 at 5pm. Come enjoy an authentic Tanzanian meal! Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 5-18, under 5 free. Get tickets from Tobias or Lenora Hirschler Magatti, Andre Hirschler, Michael Miller, Richard Hirschler, or Joy Buschert. If you can't make it, please consider gifting tickets to someone who may enjoy East African food and support a great cause. Thank you.

(repeat) **MCC Great Lakes** office is currently searching for a host family for a IVEP participant in Goshen. We are looking for someone to host from Nov '15- July '16. If you are interested please contact Amber Falcón at amberfalcon@mcc.org or [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133) for more details.

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community connections

Window Needs: Food Pantry: Plastic Grocery Bags, Soap, Shampoo, Tooth Paste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Diapers sizes 3/4/5, Canned & Bag Beans, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Pasta, Macaroni&Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Canned Fruit, Cereal. Katie's Kitchen: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Salad Dressings, Salsa, #10 cans or Frozen Fruit and Vegetables, Egg Noodles, Spaghetti, White Rice, Stuffing Mix, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Butter, Olive oil, Sugar, Chicken Bullion/Granules, Paper Napkins. Clothes Closet: Sweatshirts, Sweatpants & Hoodies, Men's Jeans, Men's T-Shirts, Socks.

The Window will be having a First Friday meal on Nov 6, 4:30-7pm. Pasta with tossed salad and homemade cookies; gluten free pasta upon request. Suggested donation \$8.

The Window is having a silent auction Fri, Nov 13 from 6:30-9pm. Live music, gourmet appetizers and a wide variety of items donated by local businesses and friends of The Window make this silent auction the place to be. Admission is \$10.00 at the door, and once inside you'll enjoy gourmet appetizers prepared by The Window's Kitchen Administrator, Vi Miller while listening to musical guest, Ted Yoder. All proceeds go toward the support of The Window's programs, and items for bid will be posted on our web page at www.thewindowofgoshen.com beginning Nov 2.

Mennonite Disaster Service urgent volunteer needs in MI, TX, WA, NE. To volunteer, contact Alicia at [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:8002418111)

Mennonite Mission Network currently has openings for a personnel counselor and an International Ministries department assistant. A personnel counselor will receive applications for service and conduct interviews to discern appropriate program placement; assist in planning orientations and retreats of program participants. The IM department assistant will schedule department meetings, track agenda and be responsible for minutes. This person will also serve as assistant to the director for Asia and Middle East, as well as assistant to the Global Ministries senior executive. Each position is .8 FTE and will be located in the Elkhart, IN office. You can view both

position descriptions at www.MennoniteMission.net or email Linda Krueger at LindaK@MennoniteMission.net for more info.

(repeat) **Enchanted Forest at Merry Lea** Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, Farmstead Site. Fri, Oct 23 and Sat, Oct 24, 7-8:30pm. This family activity is especially for children K-3rd grade, but people of all ages enjoy it. Come for a night hike by lantern light and meet native Indiana animals. Your costumed hosts will tell about their diets, habits, babies and favorite places. While you wait for a guide, enjoy live music and snacks. \$2.50 per person. Advance registration not expected.

(repeat) **In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month**, Goshen College will host a performance of Los Valientes, a live music theatre work, on Tues, Oct. 27 at 7:30 in the GC Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Los Valientes explores the artistic and political passions of Mexican painter Diego Rivera, the unwavering commitment to human rights of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, and the pursuit of social justice by Mexican American Joaquin Murrieta, aka Zorro.

(repeat) **Harvest Hymn Sing and Potluck** at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, Rieth Village Site. 5:30-8pm. Wed, Oct 28. Bring a harvest-themed seasonal potluck dish and enjoy an evening of agriculture and song. The meal will be at 6pm, with brief garden and greenhouse walks before that. Singing in the barn will follow.

(repeat) **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Display** and related events at Goshen College Good Library Gallery, Nov 2-18 (Gallery Opening, Tues, Nov 3, 7:30-9pm with 8pm gallery talk). The Doctrine of Discovery refers to a set of 15th century Papal bulls that gave European nations the right to conquer Indigenous Peoples and take their land. Peace educators Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall will be in town for the gallery talk and additional events Nov 3&4. See the events tab at merrylea.goshen.edu for more information.

(repeat) **Anabaptist Communicators (AC) Conference 2015** Nov 5-6 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. One big idea. One bold idea. (What about even one bad idea?) This year's annual faith-oriented gathering will offer one marketing/communication idea at a time offered in a simple TED-talk style. While AC includes professionals

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who work in church, para-church, and non-church communications contexts, this gathering is open to all who are interested in media and communication. (Consider that good communication is an essential part of many ministries, from pastoring to peacemaking to educating and others!) Cost: \$295 before Oct 15; \$335 after (includes lunch and dinner). Students may attend for free (no meals) or for \$25 (with meals); registration is required so that we can plan for space needs. To learn more and download a registration form, see <http://www.anabaptistcomm.org/>.

(repeat) **Mennonite Creation Care Network** Potluck with Todd Wynward 5pm, Sun, Nov 8 at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Todd Wynward, author of a new book, *Rewilding the Way*, will join interested creation care groups or individuals for food, conversation and visioning. Bring a dish to share.

(repeat) **Visiting a college campus** is one of the best ways to see for yourself if it is the right fit for you. Goshen College is offering another Explore Goshen Day on Nov 13, with special tracks for students interested in nursing. You'll be able to tour campus, talk with professors, learn about scholarships and financial aid, hear from current students, eat lunch in the dining hall and ask all of your questions. Sign up today at goshen.edu/visit.

(repeat) **Ministering to those with Mental Illness**, Thur, Oct 29, Oaklawn, Goshen Campus, 12-4:30pm. Have you ever wondered how to respond to someone experiencing a mental health crisis? Did you ask, "How can I be supportive? How can I set boundaries? Is our church doing enough to help these individuals?" Session 1: Facing the abyss without flinching by Christine Guth. Session 2: Wrestling with Angels by Lora Nafziger. Session 3: Support Groups within Amish Churches by Dale Raber. [Get details and register](#)

(repeat) **Oaklawn will host a two-day training** on trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, or TF-CBT, on Thurs, Oct 29, and Fri, Oct 30 (9am-4pm each day), at Oaklawn's campus in South Bend. There are limited openings remaining. For more info and to register, click [here](#).

(repeat) **Children's Choir opportunity:** Mennonite Youth Choir Festival is inviting children grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, Mar 5-6, 2016, in Goshen, IN. Youth

of all denominations are encouraged to participate. Practice on Sat, Mar 5; concert performance on Sun, Mar 6, 2016, at 2pm. (free and open to the public) Cost per Child: \$35 early registration (ends Nov 1), \$45 regular registration. Guest director: Brent Hyman. For [more information](#) and to [register](#), please visit: www.mennoniteyouthchoir.org or email : mychoirfest@gmail.com

(repeat) **Following Cliff Brubaker's resignation**, Amigo Centre announces its search for a new Executive Director. The target for having a new director in place is Jan 1, 2016. The position is full time, with benefits. More information is available at Amigo's website: www.amigocentre.org Cliff will continue in his current role through year's end.

(repeat) **LaCasa is seeking a Resident Manager** for our Supportive Housing residential community in Goshen. Candidate will live in a new 1 bedroom apartment within a 16 unit apartment building for homeless individuals referred for housing by Oaklawn. Primary responsibility is to be eyes and ears for LaCasa and Oaklawn while being a friend and support to tenants. Compensation is in the form of rent reduction. Income restrictions apply. Contact Alan Greaser at alang@lacasainc.net or at [574-533-4450](tel:574-533-4450) for more information.

(repeat) **Eighth Street Mennonite Church** is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant for Finance. This is a part-time position (approx. 18-20 hrs/week) and includes tasks in bookkeeping, computer tasks, 8th St Preschool Treasurer, and other office tasks. Conversational Spanish is an asset. Training to begin Dec of 2015 with full duties to be assumed Jan 1, 2016. For a job description please contact office@8thstmennonite.org. Resumes to be sent to same email.

(repeat) **Education opportunities at AMBS;** "Preaching As Testimony", taught by Allan Rudy-Froese, PhD (non-credit; \$300) Nov 3-4 and Jan 25 in Elkhart. "God the Creator" (non-credit, \$200) taught by Ben Ollenburger, PhD. Thurs evenings. Nov 5, 12; Dec 3, 10, 17 6:30-9pm. [Learn more and register by Oct 15](#) to save on fees.

(repeat) **You're invited to a Comforter Bash!** Join us for the MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen on Fri & Sat, Oct 23-24. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529

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County Road 23 in Goshen). A handmade comforter provides warmth and a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. The comforters will be distributed by MCC around the world. More info at mcc.org/comforter-bash.

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